Water District 170 Annual Meeting Minutes April 11, 2006 Challis, Idaho

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Tim Luke of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). Tim provided and discussed the agenda for the meeting. Tim gave a brief presentation regarding why the district was created and the steps the Department took in creating the district. Tim also discussed the proposed duties of the watermaster. Following this presentation, some time was spent addressing questions from water users about operation, organization and potential costs of the district.

At 8:05 p.m., Tim Luke asked for nominations to elect a meeting chairman. Gary Chamberlain was nominated by Mike Cutler. The nomination was seconded by Alan Henderson. Gary Chamberlain was approved as annual meeting chairman by a voice vote of those present.

Gary Chamberlain nominated Mary McGown, IDWR, to be secretary for the meeting. The nomination was seconded by Tina Hawkins. Mary McGown was approved as secretary on a voice vote.

The Upper Salmon Water District Steering Committee drafted a set of resolutions during several meetings that were scheduled prior to the annual water district meeting. Copies of the draft resolutions were available at the meeting. Chairman Gary Chamberlain asked for a review and discussion of the draft resolutions.

Steve Bauchman moved to add a resolution directing IDWR to report to the water district advisory committee before the next annual meeting regarding the costs of administering the water district and the status of existing headgates and measuring devices. Mike Cutler seconded the motion. The resolution was approved on a voice vote.

Chairman Chamberlain asked for a motion to accept the proposed resolutions as amended. Jim Hawkins made the motion and Mark Henslee seconded it. The only additional discussion was about the method of voting. Those present agreed that the method of voting would be one person, one vote, rather than an apportioned voting method based on water use.

The motion to accept the proposed resolutions as amended was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Resolution 4, to elect IDWR to provide the water master services for the ensuing year at no expense to the USWD, was adopted on a motion by Tina Hawkins, seconded by Mike Cutler.

Resolution 7, creating an advisory committee for the next year, was amended by the addition of slots for non-voting members from administrative Basins 73, 74, 75. The advisory committee will ask for representatives from those basins.

Advisory committee members elected at the annual meeting are:

Basin 71 irrigation: Pat Brady, Mark Henslee, Jay Neider Basin 72 sub-districts: Garden Creek – Alan Henderson; Challis Creek – Jack Challis; Morgan Creek – Jim Hawkins

Basin 72 non sub-district area: Gary Chamberlain, Mike Cutler

Basin 71 and 72 commercial/industrial/municipal/other uses: Bert Doughty, Thompson Creek Mine; a representative from the City of Challis

US Forest Service (USFS): USFS representative Michael Collette recommended that the agency will appoint a local USFS employee/representative to the advisory committee.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM): BLM representative Alan Bittner recommended that the agency appoint a local BLM employee/representative to the advisory committee.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Mary McGown, 2006 Meeting Secretary